

I'm writing concerned about Pappas Telecasting.

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas across my state is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, these actions raise concerns regarding the license renewal process and whether that process should be more stringent. Thank you.